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## Still another course evaluation guide

by Ron Norman

Sunday March 14, Student Council accepted with reservations the basis for a new course evaluation guide (anti-calendar). The new guide will be more subjective in its approach, and will cost about \$1600 less than the 1974-75 guide.

The concept of an anti-calendar has repeatedly come under fire. Dissatisfaction with the past computerized format, and what was considered high costs of production finally led to the cancellation of the calendar this year. According to some the calendar was simply not of any value.

However, the Russell-Smiley executive took the stance that the calendar did have a basic worth, if only it could be produced for less and in a more easily digestible style. Thus, Academic Affairs Secretary Phil Hicks was given the task of drawing up a new guide.

Though Hicks's report claims the new guide will cost only \$2000, treasurer Mark Crossman figures it to be "at least \$2500". The 1974-75 anti-calendar cost \$4,142, while the 1973-74 guide was \$4,804.

Though only a rough outline in the report to council, Hicks's new guide recommends the implementation of "yellow pages" to defer expenses. Council, though assured by Hicks that the guide would not bite into an already depleted student advertising market, (one consumed by the *Gazette*, *Pharos*, and the *Student Handbook*) seemed skeptical.

The major change in the guide, and one suspects, its major objective would be the subjective format shown in the sample from the report:

**Sample**  
English 100 - Section 25  
Prof. Smith

I would visualize my section of **Introductory English** as being primarily an outside reading and thinking course. I assign ten short novels in total for the year, and am not overly concerned by who does and who does not attend class discussions. I require four major

essays on the material covered, and look for original thought and in-depth philosophical analyses to a minor extent only. I would expect my course to require an average of seven hours weekly reading and writing time.

### Student Comments 1976-1977

- excellent course, prof. good, well informed lectures, I am pleased
- good prof., concerned with students
- was great deal of valuable class participation in this course, and teacher-pupil interaction was valuable, however, great speed in covering course

-reading far too heavy for what's supposed to be a bird course

Note that the new guide would contain comments from the students as well as a short paragraph by the professor detailing the objectives of his course.

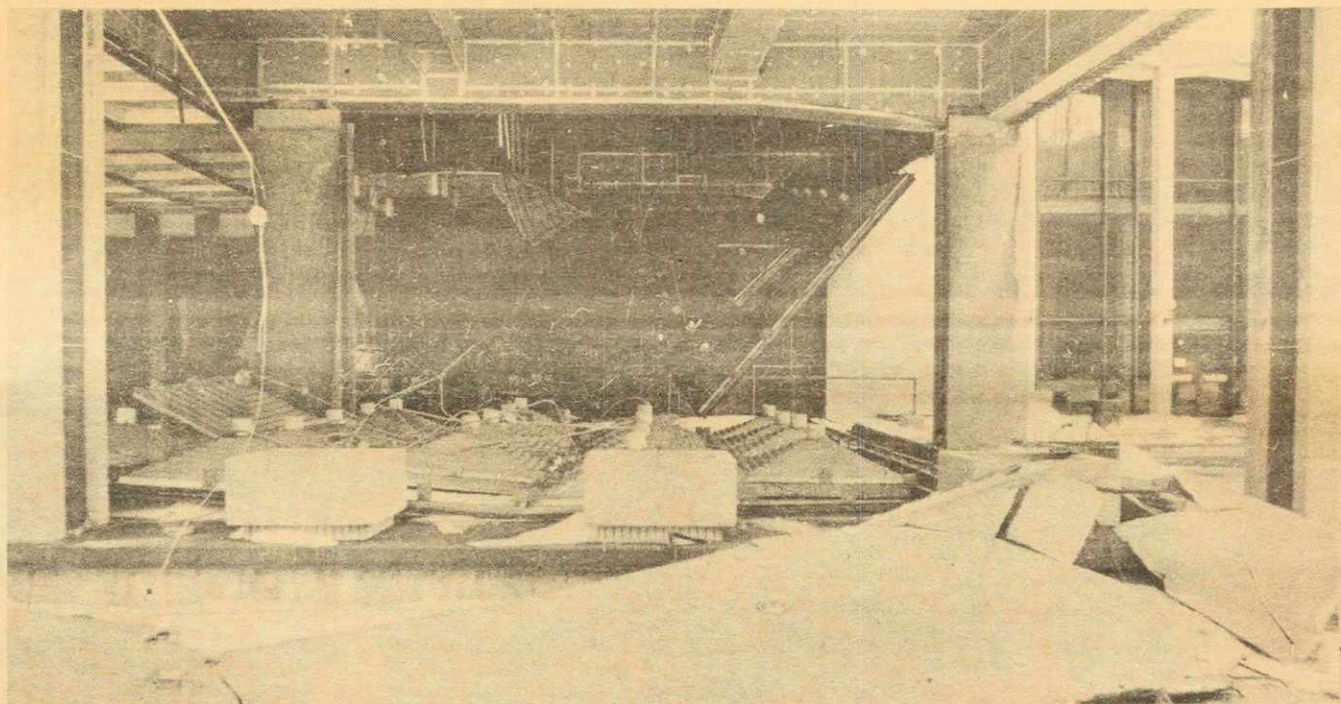
The basic assumption of the course evaluation's worth was doggedly attacked by Member at Large Mike Sherar. Sherar suggested that the \$2500 could be better spent on the societies.

The calendar's worth was reinforced by Council's recognition that the Commerce, Law, and Philosophy faculties are each producing

their own evaluation guide. Each faculty felt that the guide was sufficiently worthwhile to spend a large portion of their budget on it.

Council awaits a more specific report by Hicks.

Beginning September 1, 1976, Dalhousie students involved in an accident which results in damage to their teeth will be able to have their teeth repaired. The service comes under a new dental coverage clause adopted by Council which states: "When certified by the attending Student Health physician dental services would be provided for  
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**Chicken Little? Damage caused by wind to the entrance of Tupper Building.** Dal Photo / Jensen

## Wind storm damages Tupper Building

by Dave Purcell

Well it was one windy time in the old town on Thursday. Wind had aided in flooding the ferry terminal, early on the morning of the 17th.

Around noon however, an even more spectacular event was unfolding on the Dal campus.

Professor Allen Penny of the architecture school at N.S. Tech was standing by the Tupper taking wind readings. It seems that he studies the effects of wind on tall structures. With buildings going up and up and up nowadays this study is relevant. How would you like to work in an office where you could get seasick on windy days?

The professor explained to me that the Tupper has a bad wind problem. Very simply, as the wind hits the building and goes over the top it splits, part going up and part going down. Not only does the wind gain velocity but it also changes direction. In addition to that, the wind bends as it travels around the corners. It might be, in a simplified view, be related to diffraction of light as it bends around objects. The two effects combine to form enormous winds around the building. In one year the front door has had to be replaced twice.

Today the winds were very high and this was producing an extremely large force. The light panels at the front entrance were being ripped from their places on

the ceiling. Along with the fibrous plaster which surrounds them the panels were being torn slowly from the ceiling and tossed across the street. One brave soul who, come hell or high water, was determined to walk by, figured that it would be safe if he remained across the street. It wasn't. He only had enough time to take refuge behind a mailbox, before a light panel whisked past his head. It was soon followed by other debris.

A lady who resided in the house across the street from the Tupper was interrupted from her daily chores as the panel crashed into her front yard. I'm pretty sure she was worried, as she continued to watch panels being torn from their respective places and flung into her yard, dangerously near the windows.

## Taxes

Tuition receipts for income tax purposes are not being mailed out automatically, you have to pick them up at the business office in the A&A Building.

## Tuition up all over

Tuitions all over Atlantic Canada are going up. The information the *Gazette* has is that UPEI will be up 10%; St. Mary's will be up about \$50; UNB about 10-20%; Mt. St. Vincent will be up \$20; Memorial University's fees will perhaps have the biggest jump-\$200-\$300 as reported by the student newspaper there. President Henry Hicks is still saying that there will be no tuition increase here.

However, Dalhousie has been the least hit by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission's allocations. It has received a 10% increase in provincial funding. While a 12% increase was the lowest in Ontario, 10% is the highest in the Maritimes. UNB received only a 6.5% increase.

Students here are concerned about what the trend in cutbacks and increased tuition will mean to education in the Maritimes. Nation-

al Union of Students is seriously considering staging a demonstration and a parade permit for Victoria Park on the 24th has already been obtained. This Thursday night at Kings College there will be an organizers meeting with students from every Maritime university attending.

As to what cuts will be made here at Dalhousie next year Dr. Hicks told the *Gazette* that fiscal restrictions will be accommodated in the following manners: hold the line on engaging new staff- revamping University telephone systems- not fill requests by departments for new teachers. Dr. Hicks stated that there will be "no academic services cut" and that student teacher ratios will, generally, not be affected, despite an expected enrollment increase. The increase though will be small, perhaps around 3-4%